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11-20-02**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**Docket Number (Optional)  
2183-4666US

In re Application of Wezel et al.

Application Number 09/749,185 Filed December 26, 2000

For REDUCING BRANCHING AND ENHANCING  
FRAGMENTATION IN CULTURING FILAMENTOUS  
MICROORGANISMSGroup Art Unit  
1652 Examiner  
M. Rao

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows  
(check time period desired):

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- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 55.00.
- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 20-1469.

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I am the  applicant/inventor.

assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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November 5, 2002

Date

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